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### A VISIT TO KAUAI.—NATURAL CURIOSITIES AND AN OSTRICH FARM.

The island of Kauai is sometimes called the Garden Island of the group. It is one vast flower garden between ninety and one hundred miles in circumference. Vegetables, however, are not grown very successfully there. The island is said, by geologists, to be the oldest of the group. One thing is certain, Kauai has better roads than any of the other islands and after wandering through the stony, pathless forests of Hawaii, one finds the roads of Kauai delightful garden paths.

On January 6, 1896, the little steamer Mikahola lay at her dock in Honolulu Harbor. At 4 p. m. I alighted from the carriage, walked up the gangway, and took my position on the captain's bridge to watch the process of loading mules.

This is an interesting sight. The vessel has a derrick rigged on the deck, and a broad belt is passed under the mule to which a hook is attached above his back. As the engine starts, the mule is lifted from his feet and landed on deck, much to his disgust. One of the most amusing incidents I have ever witnessed was getting a vicious mule on board this vessel.

This mule was brimful of his Satanic majesty, and flashed more blimstone from his eyes than the great volcano is doing to-day. His heels were light and played with the rapidity of lightning among the natives, and when they began to put the belt under his body, he smiled in his sardonic way and seemed to be saying: "Just watch me buck when they tighten that cinch!" He seemed to labor under the delusion that a

saddle was being placed on him. At last the belt was fixed, the hook inserted in the ring, and the mate blew his whistle to start the engine.

"Puff, puff—rattle, rattle," the belt began to tighten and the mule thought it time to "buck." He elevated his back until it grew round, and all four of his feet left the ground at the same moment. Now came the surprise. He expected to land flat footed in such a way as to completely paralyze everything, but the cinch tightened and his muleship swung high in the air, until such a look of disgust and amazement came over his countenance as would make a fortune for a farce comedian. His gyrations, kicks, and struggles in mid-air soon ceased, and he was gently lowered to the deck. He seemed to "have it in for" the mate, for every time that personage came in sight of mule's heels flew out like springs toward him.

Before we reached Diamond Head the supper gong sounded, and the passengers hurried down to finish the meal before we entered the channel, as the chances were we would not enjoy it an hour later. The channels between the islands are never smooth, and seem to be more dreaded by the inhabitants of the islands than a voyage to Japan or San Francisco. The vessels which ply between the islands are small, the sea "choppy," and if one can make the tour of the islands in them without getting seasick, he is proof against that malady.

I had made seven ocean voyages without feeling any of the disagreeable effects of seasickness and had begun to boast myself a born sailor, but, alas, the channel between Kauai and Oahu took the conceit out of me.

At three o'clock in the morning the steward rapped on the door of my stateroom and said we were entering the port of Nawiliwili. I had not the slightest idea where I was to land, but somehow instinctively felt that this must be my destination. I awoke sleepy

and cross, dressed hurriedly, seized my traveling bag and artist's portfolio, and left the stateroom just as the anchor was dropped.

Three ladies, myself, seven Japanese, and fourteen Chinamen were the passengers to disembark. The harbor was not very rough though the water was slightly undulating. We were compelled to climb down a rope-ladder and enter a boat manned by a crew of dusky Hawaiians. This feat, in the night, is not pleasant, especially when boat and ship are bobbing in different directions.

As soon as the mail was brought off the omnibus took us to the hotel at Likue, about one and a half miles from the landing. I was shown to my room and informed that Dr. E. C. Goodhue, the government physician at Koloa, would call for me during the forenoon. Shortly after breakfast came to take me to Koloa as his guest.

The ride from Likue to Koloa was delightful. The day was fair, the roads, but for the red soil, might remind one of New England. The kukua trees, or screw pines, and wild breadfruit grew on every side. On the way we passed at the Kauai Industrial School which was established by Dr. J. S. Smith and his sister. There are sixty boys in attendance at this school, where they are not only given a good English education, but are taught useful trades, such as carpentering, blacksmithing, and farming.

As we reached the beautiful village of Koloa with its great old sugar mill, I noticed in front of one of the larger and better houses the glorious "Stars and Stripes" flying. Supposing it to be the office of an American consul, I asked the doctor and he replied that it was his own flag which he raised every time an American landed on the island. One will never know how to appreciate America and our glorious flag until he sojourns in a foreign land.

"Come to my house and stay as long as you like," said the United States consul at Hilo. "We will

feast our eyes on the flag and the American coat of arms, and talk of America. I am never so happy as when I find myself in the presence of an American citizen."

On the afternoon of my arrival the doctor, his wife, Dr. Crane, and myself went to the Spouting Horn, which is not more than a mile and a half from Koloa. This is one of the wonders of Kauai. The ledge of the lava-like rock which extends over acres along the seashore, is penetrated by many caverns into which the sea rushes with wonderful force. There is an orifice in the rock large enough for an ordinary man to crawl through, and the water driven in by the surf, is forced through this hole, sometimes to the height of sixty feet. The expulsion of water is accompanied by a hollow roar as the air is forced through an aperture near the horn. Near the horn is a large rock known as the Pulpit, and about one hundred paces in an opposite direction is the Boiling Kettle, which is simply a large hole in which the water is continually rushing in and out, just like boiling water.

Next day we visited the Gogotha, or "Place of Skulls," about two miles from Koloa and almost north of the village. This is a great sandy beach on which, according to Professor Alexander, the acknowledged authority on Hawaiian history, a severe battle was fought in the fourteenth century. The beach is strewn with human bones, and many perfect skeletons have been taken from the sands. With the aid of Dr. Goodhue I was enabled to discover one of the skeletons, and dug out a skull with all the parts perfect. The remainder of the skeleton I turned over to Dr. Crane. Though this skull had lain in the sands five hundred years it was perfect, except that the teeth were gone. It was the cranium of a large man, and in places quite thin. He had had a blow on top of his head during his life, for there was an indentation in the skull which was strongly sugges-

tive of trepanning. Two skeletons were exhumed by our party that day. The next day we were to start for the Hanapepe falls.

Our road led over a beautiful country. We crossed the Lawai and Kalahao valleys, and at about eleven o'clock reached the Hanapepe valley, following it for five or six miles when we came to the end of the carriage road. Our party, consisting of Dr. Goodhue and wife, Dr. Crane, Mr. J. K. Farley, myself, and two servants, then mounted horses and started up one of the most picturesque valleys it has ever been my pleasure to see. The path wound along the bottom of the valley, crossing the stream a number of times. The water, in places, came quite to the saddle girths, the bottom covered with stones slippery and dangerous to all horses not very sure-footed. On either side rose perpendicular bluffs to the height of several hundred feet.

The scenery along the valley, like all scenery in Hawaii, is picturesque and varied, constantly changing like the views in a kaleidoscope. The rugged hills and cliffs are ever changing in form, and adding new beauty to the scene. Mr. Farley, who was posted in the traditions of the country, pointed out the Devil's Slide on Koalalanni Maui to us. According to tradition here lived one of the gods or devils of the ancient Hawaiians. He had a sled on which he used to coast down the steep mountain side, at the only place possible for such a feat. Though the natives never knew what snow was, coasting was a popular sport. A place was prepared for the chiefs to coast down, and a short slippery grass allowed to grow over it. This demon or god, for he is called both, used to glide down at night, commit depredations, and then return to his stronghold.

We reached the Hanapepe Falls at noon. The water rushes over a precipice about three hundred feet high, and falls into a great basin worn in the rocks below. The scene is sublime and inspiring. Miniature rainbows may

be seen on the fine spray cast off from the dashing waters. The whole is enclosed by precipitous cliffs clothed with dark green moss. The shadows of the rock overhang the clear, cold pool of water which lies beneath. From this pool the plantation flume starts, carrying the water at a fall of only one foot to the thousand, to irrigate the valley below.

Among the most beautiful scenery in Kauai is the valley of Houalei, which we visited two days later. The journey was one continuous picnic. It was made by the same party in carriage and on horseback. The crossing the ferry at Houalei was made all the more romantic by the tradition that our ferryman has been a Chinese pirate; he certainly looked enough like one.

One of the wonders of Kauai is the mirage. This wonderful optical delusion will occasionally greet the traveler three miles beyond Waiwea. The sandy tract that stretches along the road seems transformed into a lake of water, where the images of cattle are reflected as they appear to feed upon submerged vegetation, while the trunks of trees seem to rise out of the water. The natives have a tradition that at certain seasons, just before dawn, the old giant, Kamalimaloa, once a powerful chief of Maua, is seen rising from the ground, armed with his spear, and with his helmet on his head.

Another natural curiosity is the Barking Sands of Maua. A long line of low sand hills is thrown up along the beach, and as the traveler walks over these mounds, or strikes the sand, a growling, barking sound is produced. This sound seems to be a property peculiar to these sands. They only bark when dry, and if a large quantity is removed and put in a bag, the same barking will be produced by letting the sand suddenly fall from one end of the bag to the other. I witnessed an exhibition of this at the home of Mr. Turner, the manager of the ostrich farm.

The ostrich farm is situated on

a sandy beach about three miles from Koloa, shut in on all sides save one, by mountain ranges. On that side is the ocean. Accompanied by Dr. Crane, mounted on spirited horses and attended by Portuguese guide, I set out, January 17th, for the farm. We reached it in time for lunch. Mr. Turner, the manager, showed us about the place and told us of the habits of the ostrich. According to Mr. Turner this giant bird has very little sense. He never looks to step over or crawl under a fence, but will fall over it. "He is such a fool," said the manager, "that if the fence around his paddock was removed, he would be three days in making the discovery, and then he would fall over the path." Mr. Turner says the old theory that the sun hatches the eggs of an ostrich is absurd. The ostrich is a faithful setter. The females sit by day and the males by night. They lay three times during the year, fifteen or sixteen eggs at a time. A bird has been known to yield two hundred dollars' worth of feathers at a single plucking, and they are plucked every seven months.

Ostriches may not be one of the wonders of Kauai, but they bid fair to become one of the industries of the Hawaiian Islands.



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